

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHOOLS

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To Whom It May Concern:

Linda Henry
Director
Special Education
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This letter is written to request an extension of a waiver due to the merger of Webster County Schools and Providence Independent Schools. As the Superintendent of Webster County Schools, I would like to address the needs of a Head Start employee, Pam Hill, Lead Teacher, in a Head Start preschool program since 1990 at Providence. In June of 2007, the State Board of Education granted her an IECE certification waiver which allowed her to teach KERA children. The waiver was granted with the stipulation Ms. Hill be finished with her program in May of 2009.

Dave Rupsch
Director
Academics/Athletics

At that time, Ms. Hill had spoken to a counselor at Madisonville Community College and was assured she would be able to complete her program. However, the new IECE program is offered at MCC through Murray State. Dr. Jo Robertson of Murray State has since revised Ms. Hill's program with a completion date of May, 2010. This is due to classes for the IECE program being offered on a rotating basis in different sites. The barrier, of course, is the classes required will not be offered in the appropriate time span. This is certainly a challenge to her completion by the 2009 deadline.

Catholine Townsend
Director
Food Service

Ms. Hill has since consulted another University in the area and discovered it would not be feasible to attempt to enroll in another college to complete her program by May, 2009.

James Shadrick
Director
Maintenance

The Webster County School Board approved the waiver on June 9, 2008, Board Order # 201.

Steve Whitsell
Director
Transportation

Finally, the extension of the waiver for one more year would give Ms. Hill the opportunity to complete her IECE certification. This would allow the Webster County

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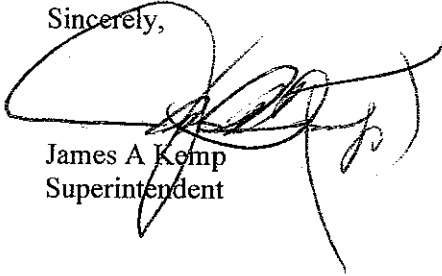
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Schools and Audubon Area Head Start to maintain high performing blended preschool programs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kemp', is written over the printed name and title.

James A Kemp
Superintendent

Cc: Aubrey Nehring, Audubon Area; Annette Bridges, Bill Buchanan
Encl: